

## BOTH EXECUTED.

## Pearl Bryan's Murderers Pay the Penalty on the Scaffold.

Jackson Made an Unsuccessful Attempt to Save Walling—Neither Made Statements on the Scaffold—Scott Jackson's Body Burned to Ashes.

NEWPORT, Ky., March 22.—Jackson and Walling were at 7:35 Saturday morning ordered to prepare themselves for the last. Rev. Lee prayed with them and they sang three hymns: "The Sweet By and By," Walling's favorite; "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and "The Half Was Never Told."

Then the preacher offered another prayer.



Scott Jackson, as he Appeared During His Trial.

Turnkey Fred Maurer, of the Covington jail, sent a message to Walling from Miss Emma Roberts. It was: "Die game."

He said that he would. Walling then made a touching appeal that he be permitted to see Mayor Rhinock. Although it was against the rules, the request was granted. Mayor Rhinock was sent for, and they had a long talk. Rev. Mr. Lee offered then another prayer.

Just before the death procession was to move Walling made another frantic appeal for his life.

He asked Mayor Rhinock if he would sign a dispatch to the governor, and for Mayor Biltz to do the same.

"Give me a reprieve of 30 days," he exclaimed, pitifully. The mayor explained that the sheriff had a right to postpone the execution.

"If you have anything to say, tell him," was the advice.

Walling answered: "Jackson can save my life if he will, but he won't. I have tried in every way to get him to do it, but he will not. He ought to save me."

"Now, Lon," said Mayor Rhinock, "I want you to tell me where the head is."

"Mayor Rhinock, before God, whom I shall now meet, I do not know."

At 11:20 a. m. a dispatch was received from Frankfort saying that the governor had again refused to respite Walling. This is his final decision.

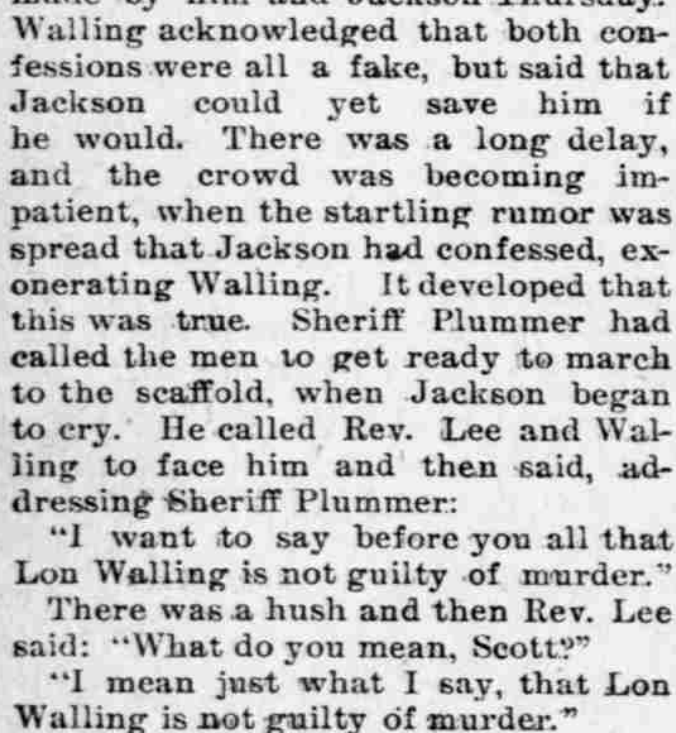
Scott Jackson made a statement at 9 o'clock, clearing Walling. A dispatch was sent to the governor at Frankfort. There was the greatest excitement here.

Just before the men got ready to go to the scaffold Sheriff Plummer started for the jail. Col. Washington, Walling's lawyer, entered the court-yard. He proceeded to Walling's cell and talked to him about the alleged confessions made by him and Jackson Thursday. Walling acknowledged that both confessions were all a fake, but said that Jackson could yet save him if he would. There was a long delay, and the crowd was becoming impatient, when the startling rumor was spread that Jackson had confessed, exonerating Walling. It developed that this was true. Sheriff Plummer had called the men to get ready to march to the scaffold, when Jackson began to cry. He called Rev. Lee and Walling to face him and then said, addressing Sheriff Plummer:

"I want to say before you all that Lon Walling is not guilty of murder."

There was a hush and then Rev. Lee said: "What do you mean, Scott?"

"I mean just what I say, that Lon Walling is not guilty of murder."



Alonzo Walling, as he Appeared When Arrested.

At this point Jackson broke down and could proceed no further. Sheriff Plummer was hastily summoned and was given the facts as above. He at once dispatched a messenger for Col. Washington, and the attorney soon reached the jail. He was told of the state of affairs, and advised Sheriff Plummer to at once wire Gov. Bradley.

Jackson also sent the following:

NEWPORT JAIL, Ky., March 20.

"Gov. BRADLEY, Frankfort, Ky.:

"Walling is not guilty of murder. I am. He should not be punished."

SCOTT JACKSON."

A few minutes later Walling dropped a note from the window to a reporter, reading, "Jackson has freed me."

After coming from the consultation with the prisoners Judge Helm said that he told Jackson that he must hang, and if he allowed Walling to hang with him he would have to answer to his Maker for a double crime. He also impressed Jackson with the fact that if he went before his Maker with a lie on his lips he would also be doing a double wrong. He then gave Jackson five minutes in which to make up his mind, leaving him unattended by the death watch. At the expiration of the time Jackson said that he could not say that Walling was innocent. This settled the fate of both prisoners, and the time for the execution was fixed at 11:30 o'clock.

It was also learned that Gov. Bradley talked over long distance telephone with Plummer, who told him Jackson declined to make any further statement than that Walling was not guilty of murder, and declined to go into details. "Then hang them both," was the word which the governor gave as he dropped the telephone.

The procession of death was formed at 11:32 o'clock. Sheriff Plummer, Rev. Mr. Lee, Deputy Moore and Death Watch Truesdell walked with Jackson. Deputy Hindman and Deputy Miller were with Walling.

Sheriff Plummer ascended the scaffold with the prisoners and said "Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, I am here for the purpose of carrying out the mandate of the governor of this state, as expressed in the documents which were read to you last Tuesday. Have you, Scott Jackson, anything to say?"

Jackson replied: "Only this. I am not guilty of the crime for which I am now asked to pay the penalty of my life." He answered calmly, deliberately and without a quaver or tremor.

Plummer then asked: "Have you, Alonzo Walling?"

"Only that you are about to take the life of an innocent man. Before God I am not guilty of the crime with which I am charged."

A lump arose in Walling's throat as he replied.

Rev. Mr. Lee sang a hymn and read from the Word of God, after which he offered the following prayer:

"Our Father, our Saviour and our God, as the sun is shining brightly over our heads, oh, may the Son of Righteousness shine into the souls of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling and save them. God help them to trust in thee and thee alone, for life and salvation. Oh, Lord, thou who didst say to the one who died on the cross with thee, 'To-day thou be with me in paradise.' Oh, admit these boys into thy love, into thy mercy, we ask and rely upon the blood of Jesus Christ to do this. Amen."

"Good by, Scott; good by, Alonzo," the preacher said with a broken voice and with tears in his eyes. "Ask you now, in the name of God, right now to engage in secret prayer for the saving of your souls in a special plea to God."

It was noticed during the singing and the reading of the Bible that while both men were thoroughly composed Jackson's eyes were red. He seemed to be retaining the tears. Walling was perfectly cool, and looked about the crowd with stolid indifference.

The preparation for the work of death was hurried. The ropes were placed about the men's necks at 11:37 o'clock. Their feet and hands were next strapped. Their hands were fastened behind their backs.



Pearl Bryan, the Murdered Girl.

The black caps were adjusted at 11:39 o'clock. The drops fell at 11:40 o'clock. The execution was one of the most successful on record, although neither of the men's necks were broken.

When Sheriff Plummer sprang the traps, both men struggled considerably. Walling showed the greatest signs of suffering. The crowd pressed to the scaffold, and the police were busy keeping spectators back at a sufficient distance to prevent their interfering with the executioners.

Walling was pronounced dead at 11:55 o'clock. A doctor stood with his hand over the struggling man's heart until the last pulsation had died away.

Jackson was pronounced dead at 12:01 o'clock. Three moments later the bodies were removed from the scaffold.

Rev. Lee, after the noose had been adjusted, walked down three or four steps.

After the drop had been sprung he left the steps and began weeping.

After Walling's body had been cut down it was taken charge of by Undertaker Cunningham, of Bellevue. It was placed in a temporary coffin and taken out of the Southgate street entrance of the jail and placed in Cunningham's wagon, which was in waiting. It was then driven to Bellevue, where it will be embalmed.

There is hardly any doubt but that Walling strangled to death. It is believed that Jackson's neck was broken.

Dr. Tarvin states that both men lived about 12 minutes and that both died of strangulation.

Walling's last words as he left the jail were as he pointed to Jackson: "That man can save me if he will. I die an innocent man. I was not there when she was killed."

Walling's body was brought to the undertaker's at 12:45 p. m. It was sent to Hamilton at 9:15 o'clock Saturday night, in the coffin sent by Clint Walling. The body was embalmed Saturday afternoon.

CINCINNATI, March 22.—Scott Jackson's body was incinerated Saturday night at the Clifton crematory. All that remains of the misguided young man—a handful of white bone ashes, purified by fire—Sunday was given into the keeping of the heart-broken, but still loving mother.

In the early arrangement of the details concerning the judicial execution of the two prisoners, the plan of incineration was proposed to the mother of Scott Jackson. She received the suggestion favorably, and after mature deliberation decided to act upon it.

The fact that various concerns, seeking to gratify the morbid curiosity of the public mind, had offered Mrs. Jackson enormous sums of money for the dead body of her only son and the fear of ghoul and grave robbery, influenced the mother in her decision to resort to cremation as not only a sensible but the only safe means for the disposal of her erring son's dead body.

## TO SECEDE.

The Cleveland Wheel Club Will Leave the League of American Wheelmen.

CLEVELAND, O., March 22.—It is practically settled that the Cleveland wheel club will at the next annual meeting secede from the League of American Wheelmen. This action will be taken as the result of agitation that has been going on for two years because of a throw down the club received at a state meet.

At the last meeting the members favorable to secession were defeated, but they claim that at the next meeting they will carry the day by a large majority. It will, however, be decided that those members of the club who desire to do so, need not individually give up their membership in the national organization, but the club, as a club, will cease to be connected with the L. A. W. President Collier said Sunday night that the best interests of the club calls for the change.

## TO FIGHT RINGS

Is the Purpose of the "Knights of the Golden Rule."

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 22.—According to an anonymous communication the Knights of the Golden Rule have "quietly organized in each precinct of the city, and will reach every hill and valley of the country before November. Their purpose is to break up rings and put men in office who will obey the maxim of their title, the golden rule, regardless of politics. They recognize no party lines."

Investigation shows that there are quite a number of these "Knights," for the most part reliable, substantial citizens, but the identity of the organizers and financial backers has not been disclosed.

## Infant Runaway.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 22.—Earl Loop, eight-year-old son of Henry and Mrs. Loop, whose disappearance from home in 1889 is well remembered and who was supposed to be dead, surprised everybody by returning home safe and sound. He has been all over the west, in Mexico and South America. He claims to be the champion infant runaway boy of America. He left home when eight years old and is now 16. A few weeks ago he had a dream in which he saw his father lying a corpse and it haunted him so that he started home. On arriving here he found the dream true. His father died four months ago, about the time Earl says he had the dream. The boy will remain at home and care for his widowed mother the remainder of his life.

Claims John Colburn as His Accomplice.

COLUMBUS, O., March 22.—J. W. Colbert and John Splan, chief of police and detective respectively, of Indianapolis, brought Charles Spears, a murderer, here Sunday to enable him if possible to identify his accomplice in the crime whom he said he knew "when he was a convict here. His name and residence Spears had forgotten. With the assistance of convict acquaintances Spears decided that his accomplice was John Colburn, who served a term for burglary, from Cincinnati, and was released several years ago. It is not known where Colburn is now.

A Blizzard in Western Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., March 22.—Reports received here Sunday night from Western Nebraska indicate a very severe snow storm prevalent. The blizzard extends from Schuyler, 60 miles west of here, to North Platte, in the further end of the state. A dispatch from Benkelman Sunday night says ten inches of snow has fallen, and the wind is blowing it into great drifts. The loss of stock will be very large. Nearly a foot of snow has fallen at Central City.

Destructive Fire at Ottumwa, Ia.

OTTUMWA, Ia., March 22.—A fire which started at 5:30 Sunday afternoon in Cullen's dry goods store had destroyed a quarter of a million dollars' worth of property at 9 o'clock and was still having its own way. A gale is blowing and there seems to be little hope of saving any of the big brick business block in which Cullen's store is located.

Heirs to an English Fortune.

RICHMOND, Ind., March 22.—Rev. W. G. Whitaker, of Nebraska, has been in the vicinity for the past two months looking after the claims of the Whitaker family, who are said to be heirs to an immense English fortune. At New Paris, O., just east of this city, there are a number of the heirs. Rev. Mr. Whitaker will leave next month for England to press the immense claim.

## Assaulted an Officer.

SALEM, O., March 22.—Early Saturday morning Joe Marshall assaulted Police Officer Irey. Marshall met the officer on his beat and struck him on the head with some concealed weapon, cutting an ugly gash and knocking him down. He then kicked him in the side, caving in several ribs. Marshall was arrested and jailed.

The number of policemen on duty at the white house has been reduced from 24 to 4.

## THE LEVEES

## At Many Points on the Mississippi River Gave Away.

Disheartening Reports Come From the Iowa and Dakota Valleys—Government Relay Boats Busy—There Are Rumors of Great Loss of Life.

ST. LOUIS, March 22.—Latest advices from the flooded country south of here state that the situation is hourly growing worse. Walls of water have beaten down the levees at many points and riparian dwellers are at the mercy of the flood. Out of 38 telegrams received here from the lower river but one records a cessation of the rise. This was from Cairo, Ill., but the halt of the flood there is due to the breaks in the levees in Kentucky and Missouri. The most disheartening intelligence comes from the Iowa and Dakota valleys of the Missouri river. Warm weather has turned the snow to water, which is added to the already overflowed streams. Work on levee barriers is practically abandoned in Arkansas and Mississippi as useless. At Chicago, a barge load of sand bags was dumped into a levee break. They only served to widen the breach. This is the experience at other points and work on the outer barriers is abandoned and every hand is turned to save the inner levees.

A dispatch from Ripley, Tenn., says there is a strong current through Reel Fool lake and the old river bayou. It is feared the river will seek its old channel through the lake, which was shifted 20 miles west by the earthquake of 1812. South of Helena, Ark., the levee breaks are most numerous and the damage greatest. The five steamers employed by the Memphis relief were reinforced Sunday by two government boats towing barges. These steamers pick their way through tree tops. The C. B. Bryan, steamed due west from Memphis, 35 miles and returned with 130 people and a barge load of live stock. At Austin, Miss., 40 miles below Memphis, but two houses remain on dry land. From these 24 people were rescued. Relief work is now occupying more attention than endeavors to fight the flood with levees. A relief committee was organized in Little Rock, Ark., Saturday. Memphis continues to save life and property unaided by the governor of Arkansas.

Saturday night Maj. Ambury, in charge of the river and harbor work at St. Louis, received a telegram from Secretary Alger, directing that help and rescue measures be at once undertaken by the United States fleet in this vicinity.

Gov. Jones, of Arkansas, Saturday sent a company of militia to guard the levees of Desha county, as there were fears that Mississippi men might try to save their own homes by cutting the levee on the Arkansas side.

Unconfirmed rumors of great loss of life are met at every hand, but the death-roll can not even be approximated till the flood subsides. The situation is indeed gloomy, with small prospect of immediate betterment.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 22.—The levees for a stretch of 15 miles from and south of Osceola, Ark., went all to pieces Sunday.

Sensational reports were current Sunday night of a series of big cutoffs on the Missouri above Sioux City. The stream is said to have shortened itself a score of miles and to have swallowed up much farm property. The Little Sioux, near Oto and Correctionville, is rising and driving settlers to the hills.

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 22.—The Floyd river, which had a considerable part of Sioux City under water last week, is again within its banks. The Big Sioux, however, is still rising and causing untold damage between Sioux City and Sioux Falls. Other streams in this locality are about stationary. Bridges are out everywhere and little damage is left to be done even should there be another rise.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 22.—The Des Moines river has risen three feet since Saturday night, and is now over sixteen feet above normal and still rising. About three hundred families have been driven out of their homes by the water, but aside from this the damage thus far is not heavy.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The engine drawing the New York & Boston special, on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway, which left here at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, blew up in the Englewood yards, a half hour's run from the city and the fireman and engineer were instantly killed.

Charles Scott Released.

HAVANA, March 22.—Charles Scott, the American, who was arrested on February 9, on the charge of having Cuban postage stamps his possession, was released Sunday, the court having dismissed the charge against him. He will leave for the United States on the steamer sailing Wednesday.

Trouble at Tokat.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22.—It is officially reported that there has been serious trouble at Tokat, 58 miles northwest of Sivas, in Asia Minor. Beyond stating that 15 Armenians and three Mussulmans were killed, no details of the affair are given.

Prince George for Governor of Crete.

ATHENS, March 22.—It is stated here that the powers are seriously discussing the question of nominating Prince George of Greece for governor of Crete.

Ten People Fatally Injured.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 22.—The Gleason building and Central hotel are on fire. At 4 a. m. Monday 10 people had been taken into hospitals injured fatally. It is feared that some lives are lost. Persons jumped from windows on fifth stories of both buildings and are fatally injured.

Bolingbroke Club's Offer.

LONDON, March 22.—The Bolingbroke club will offer a purse of £2,500 for a fight between Fitzsimmons and Charlie Mitchell and will allow Fitzsimmons 2100 for expenses.

## UNDER WATER.

Heavy Rains in the South and West Swell the Rivers—In Some Localities the Flood is the Highest Ever Known.

GAVIN, Ark., March 20.—The water rose two inches Thursday night. For many miles the country is flooded, and the water is up to the Iron Mountain tracks. Hundreds of section hands are striving to keep the water back with dirt bags. At every station the Negroes are gathering, waiting to be taken away. Many get on the trains are carried without pay. Superintendent Roe, of the Iron Mountain, has given orders that none are to be put off.

The list of fatalities is enormous and probably will never be known.

Mr. Middleton, who arrived here with his family from near Rosebud island, four miles from Arkansas City, reports the death of a woman and five children Wednesday night. The water came up, and though the unfortunate climbed on the tables and chairs, the flood finally reached over their heads.

William Cartwright and William Cox, working on Judge Hodge's farm at Rosebud island, lost their lives Thursday. They were in a dugout starting for stock and the current upset the dugout. Cartwright could not swim and Cox tried to save him, but both perished.

Jake Carter lost his life at Gavin Thursday night. His dugout was upset by rushing water. His companion, Sterling, was saved by climbing a tree.

Amanda Chapman, an old colored woman, just arrived from below, reported the death of six persons she could not name. A father tried to save his wife and children in a dugout, and it tipped, drowning three. The water killed others in the house.

Charles Burley was drowned while trying to save his hogs Thursday night near Gavin. He could not manage a dugout.

A mountain of household goods is piled up at every railroad station. Whites and Negroes beg for help from every train crew. Houses along the road are submerged to the roofs, and cattle standing in the fields with only their heads above water. Many corpses of hogs and cows are washed up by the water.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 20.—The Cumberland river Friday morning registered 46 feet on the gauge. Rain fell all day Thursday, all Thursday night and continued to come down incessantly Friday. There is prospect of the greatest flood on record. The highest recorded water in the Cumberland river was in 1883, when it registered 55 feet, 9 higher than now. The outlook now is that this mark will be exceeded. Much damage has already resulted from the overflow in the lowland, and more will follow when the flood increases.

HELENA, Ark., March 20.—The river at noon was within two inches of the highest water on record here. The sun shone Friday after one of the most prolonged heavy and downpours of rain for years, and conditions are more hopeful. The observer here says that from the looks of things above he would not attempt to estimate, and urges all the people in the lowlands to move out at once to higher ground.

The levees in front and north of the city are having the attention of the officers of the city and the levee boards and the levees are being raised and strengthened. Heavy rains Friday and Thursday nights have partly inundated a portion of the northern suburbs of the city, but the water is now fast receding.

A report from Modoc Friday morning is to the effect that the levees are still holding, although a report Thursday night at 10 o'clock was that they could not be held until this time. A reporter who returned from there Friday morning says that, with the recent recruits to the already large army of levee workers, there is now a bright chance of holding the levees, but if the water continues to rise it does not look possible, as there is but 12 to 18 inches clear levee in a great many places. The levees on the Mississippi side appear to be in good shape, and as they have plenty of men and money and no comparatively new levees to look after, it is hardly possible there will be a break on that side.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 20.—The heavy rainfall during the day and part of the evening caused the Menominee river to overflow its banks Friday night at Wauwatosa, a suburb some miles distant from Milwaukee, and from a point at Fortieth street and Mount Vernon avenue the whole neighborhood for a distance of ten blocks is submerged. The water at midnight was from 8 to 9 feet deep and is still rising. About 150 small houses are located in the district, but up to midnight no fatalities have been reported. The work of rescuing the victims of the flood has been going on all evening, the veterans of the National Soldiers' Home helping with small boats. At 9 o'clock the Milwaukee police department was asked for help and a boat was sent out. The life saving station on Jones island was notified, and two boats were taken out to the scene of the flood by the fire tug Foley. The rescue work was going on all night.

CHESTER, Ia., March 20.—The Little Sioux river is higher than at any time since the floods of 1891. All railroad communication except over the Illinois Central south of Onawa is cut off. Three large bridges are washed out between here and Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Prisoner Must Hang.

MERIDEN, Miss., March 20.—Dr. W. H. Lipscomb, who has been on trial for several days at De Kalb, Miss., charged with murdering Chas. T. Stewart, in order to obtain the insurance on Stewart's life, was Thursday sentenced to be hanged on Wednesday, May 12.

Price for Autonomy.

LONDON, March 20.—A news agency here asserts that Lord Salisbury has suggested to the powers that each contribute the sum of £10,000 toward founding an autonomous regime in Crete.

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